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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Associate General Counsel  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Review of Patent Applications  
Under Secrecy Order

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 4 for the approval of the Executive Director.

2. The U.S. Patent Office will, at the request of a sponsoring federal agency, impose secrecy orders on patent applications that are determined to contain classified information. The secrecy order prevents a patent from being publicly issued and maintains the secrecy of the sensitive files. Secrecy orders must be renewed annually, and the "chief officer of the agency who caused the order to be issued" must provide notification that an affirmative determination has been made that the national interest continues to require the secrecy order.

3. On 4 May 1983, the Agency received a request from the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, (which sponsors our requests for secrecy orders) to provide the required notification for renewal of the secrecy orders on 29 patent applications presently under Patent Office secrecy order. The patent applications were reviewed by the responsible components in all directorates, and recommendations have been received that 20 of the applications be declassified and released from secrecy order. These patent applications are described in Attachment A. The remaining nine applications remain classified and continue to require secrecy orders.

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4. It is recommended that the attached letter (Attachment B) listing the 20 applications which we recommend declassifying, and the nine on which classification must be maintained, be approved for transmittal to the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

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Harry E. Fitzwater

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Attachments:  
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CONCUR:

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Associate General Counsel

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